I was shocked to hear that Mr. Powell invoked the First Amendment in his defense of Sinclair Broadcasting's partisan decision to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" only days before the election. Following that line of reasoning, any media outlet could simply ignore federal election laws requiring equal airtime! Mr. Powell's justification is an insult to democracy, and a patently false interpretation of the Constitution. One is left with this nagging question: is Mr. Powell simply afraid that he will lose his job in the event of a Kerry victory?

Please review this decision. Sincerely,

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